

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Foodgrains for Anganwadi Centres
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides foodgrains to States for free distribution to pregnant, lactating mothers and children below the age of six years through Anganwadi Kendras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of persons benefitted, quantum of foodgrains allocated and supplied during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the current production and availability of foodgrains is adequate to meet the demand of the States under the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated production, stock, demand and supply of foodgrains under the scheme during the ensuing year, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains for the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e) : The Ministry of Women & Child Development is administering the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) for providing nutritious/energy food to children in the age group of 0-6 years and expectant/lactating women as per the procurement and requirement received from States/Union Territories.

The State-wise details indicating the number of persons benefitted is at Annexure I, quantum of foodgrains allocated and supplied during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.

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To ensure adequate availability of foodgrains the Government is providing sufficient foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). Government has also enacted National Food Security Act (NFSA) on 10.9.2013 which provides coverage of upto 75% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas, thereby covering 2/3rd population of the country. Under the Act, foodgrains are allocated to the States/Union Territories (UTs) @ 5 kg per person per month belonging to priority category and 35 kg per family per month for AAY category at very low prices of Rs.1 per kg, Rs.2 per kg and Rs.3 per kg for coarse grains, wheat and rice respectively. The Act also has special focus on nutritional support to women and children upto 14 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers who are entitled to meals as per nutritional norms. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are also entitled to receive maternity benefit of not less than Rs.6000.
